

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT
PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Docket No. R2017-1

**NOTICE OF REVISION TO
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE ADJUSTMENT,
ATTACHMENT A
(December 6, 2016)**

On October 12, 2016, the Postal Service filed its Notice of Market Dominant Price Adjustment in this docket. Revisions to that Notice and its attachments were filed on October 28 and November 8.¹ Today, the Postal Service submits an additional revision to Attachment A, Changes to Mail Classification Schedule, reflecting a small change to the proposed price for Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature. This filing does not alter the planned implementation date of January 22, 2017.²

The Postal Service is revising the proposed price for Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature from \$8.35 to \$8.30. The need for this revision arises from the recent discovery of a programming limitation affecting the Postal Service's retail systems that effectively prevents the Postal Service from

¹ Notice of Revisions to United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, Attachment A, and Attachment B – Errata, Docket No. R2017-1 (Nov. 8, 2016); Notice of Revisions to United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, Attachment A, and Attachment B – Errata, Docket No. R2017-1 (Oct. 28, 2016).

² The revised price is being filed more than 45 days prior to the intended implementation date. 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d)(1)(C); 39 C.F.R. § 3010.10.

charging the specific rate originally proposed for this service. Further investigation has revealed that the retail systems' current programming is able to accommodate a slightly revised price of \$8.30 without jeopardizing the planned implementation date of January 22. After weighing the cost and revenue impacts of this and other potential solutions, including the complexity of the programming changes that would be required to accommodate the price originally proposed, it was determined that establishing a price of \$8.30, and avoiding a staggered implementation of new Special Services prices, is the most efficient solution.

This is a small revision that affects only the rate for Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature. This rate adjustment decreases the price change percentage for Special Services from 2.515 percent to 2.514 percent, and adds an additional 0.001 percent to the sum of unused price adjustment authority for the class after the price changes, for a total sum of 0.068 percent. These impacts are demonstrated in revised Special Services workpapers, which the Postal Service is filing today as a revision to USPS-LR-R2017-1/5. The revised page of Attachment A is attached to this Notice.

In light of the limited time remaining before January 22, and the need to complete testing of the entire price package before then, the Postal Service requests that the Commission expedite its review of this revised price. The Commission approved prices for First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services on November 15, but its decision on Special Services is still pending.³ The Commission "expects to

³ Order No. 3610, Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, Docket No. R2017-1 (Nov. 15, 2016), at 2.

issue the separate order [on Special Services] well in advance of the expected January 22, 2017 implementation date.”⁴ The Postal Service notes, however, that significant lead-time and resources would be needed to reprogram and test the various price- and product-related data systems in the event the Commission does not approve one or more of the Postal Service’s proposed changes. Thus, even now, further delay increases the risk that the Postal Service will be forced to miss the implementation date for the Special Services price and classification changes. Given that the revision submitted today consists of a minor, 5-cent reduction in the price proposed for Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature, the Postal Service believes this change is uncontroversial and does not warrant an additional period of public comment.⁵

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ The Postal Service does not want the review of this price revision to delay the general Special Services order. The Postal Service would prefer to receive a separate order describing any proposals that need further action as soon as possible, even if the Commission has not yet completed review of this price revision.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REVISED PAGE FROM
NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE,
ATTACHMENT A, CHANGES TO MAIL
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE**

1505.5 Certified Mail

1505.5.1 Description

- a. Certified Mail service provides a mailer of First-Class Mail, First-Class Package Service, or Priority Mail ~~(except Critical Mail)~~ with a mailing receipt and electronic confirmation of the date, location, and time of the delivery or attempted delivery. If the initial attempt to deliver the article is not successful, a notice of attempted delivery is also provided to the addressee.

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1505.5.2 Prices

(Per piece)	(\$)
Certified Mail	3.35
Certified Mail with Restricted Delivery and/or Adult Signature	8.30